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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-34 are pending.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The Information Disclosure Statement respectfully submitted on 16 July 2004 have been considered by the Examiner.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. See MPEP § 608.01.

See page 6, Sections 0024-0025, page 7, Section s0028-0029, page 9, Section 0034, page 17, Sections 0063-0064, page 19, Sections 0067-0068, etc.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Moore (Pub No. 2006/0265489).

Referring to the rejection of claims 1 and 26, Moore discloses a method and computer readable media of processing information representing a graph, comprising:

serializing each of multiple statements; (See page 6, Section 0146)

using a digital processor to independently compute a hash value for each of the multiple statements; and (See page 32, Section 0335)

applying a commutative function to each hash value, to obtain an aggregate hash value representing all of the multiple statements (See page 34, Section 0354)

Referring to the rejection of claim 2, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein identifying at least one attribute of the multiple statements; and using the digital processor to digitally sign a value dependent upon both of the aggregate hash value and the attribute (See page 26, Section 0292)

Referring to the rejection of claims 3 and 27, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein identifying as an attribute the number of statements that have been hashed and that are represented by the aggregate hash value; and digitally signing a value dependent upon both of the aggregate hash value and the number of statements represented by the aggregate hash value. (See page 26, Section 0292)

Referring to the rejection of claim 4, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein comprising adding a new statement to the multiple statements by:

identifying a blank node; (See page 6, Section 0146)

assigning a label to the identified blank node; (See page 6, Section 0146)

and creating the additional statement in a manner that sets forth association of the blank node with the label (See page 6, Section 0146)

Referring to the rejection of claim 5, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein said method further comprises using the digital processor to compute a hash value for the additional statement to thereby create an incremental hash value (See page 32, Section 0335), and combining the incremental hash value with the aggregate hash value using a function which is both commutative and associative; and computing a hash value includes applying a SHA-1 hash algorithm to obtain the hash value of each statement (See page 26, Section 0292)

Referring to the rejection of claims 6 and 28, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein identifying a secret key and using the digital processor to digitally sign a value dependent upon both of an aggregate hash value and the secret key (See page 26, Section 0286)

Referring to the rejection of claim 7, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein identifying a public key; and using the digital processor to authenticate the graph, including using the public key to decrypt a verification hash, comparing the aggregate hash value to the verification hash, and determining that the graph is authentic in dependence on the comparison (See page 26, Section 0286)

Referring to the rejection of claim 8, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein the function is based upon addition within a finite field. (See page 26, Section 0287)

Referring to the rejection of claim 9, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein applying the function to each hash value includes initiating the aggregate hash value as a constant, incrementally applying the function to each therefrom a new

aggregate hash value, and repeating application of the function until all hashed statements and the constant are represented by the aggregate hash value; and wherein the function is both associative and commutative. (See page 26, Sections 0291-0292)

Referring to the rejection of claim 10, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein the constant is zero. (See page 22, Section 0261)

Referring to the rejection of claim 11, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein the constant is a secret key, and repeating the application of the function yields an aggregate hash value that is dependent upon both of the secret key and all hashed statements (See page 26, Section 0289)

Referring to the rejection of claims 12, Moore discloses a method of processing data representing a graph, the graph being stored on machine-readable media, said method comprising:

determining a first hash value representing the graph; (See page 22, Section 0259)

using a digital processor to compute a second hash value that represents an additional statement; (See page 32, Section 0335)

and computing an aggregate hash value that is a function of each of the first hash value and the second hash value, where the function is commutative. (See page 26, Section 0292)

Referring to the rejection of claim 13, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein determining a first hash value includes retrieving data representing the graph

from machine-readable media and also retrieving a verification hash value from machine-readable media (See page 20, Section 0251), verifying authenticity of the data representing the graph by locally computing a hash value based upon retrieved data representing the graph (See page 20, Section 0251), and determining whether the verification hash value matches the locally-computed first hash value, and if the authenticity of the data is verified, using the matched results as the first hash value and otherwise generating an error (See pages 25-26, Sections 0282-0286); and adding a new statement to the data by storing the new statement on the machine-readable media, by computing as the second hash value an incremental hash value representing the new statement (See pages 25-26, Sections 0282-0286), and by storing the aggregate hash value on the machine-readable media in association with the graph, where the aggregate hash value represents addition of the first hash value and the second hash value. (See page 21, Section 0257)

Referring to the rejection of claim 14, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein retrieving the first hash value from remote machine-readable media; (See page 20, Section 0251)

adding the statement by causing the remote machine-readable media to store the additional statement in association with the graph; (See page 20, Section 0251)

computing as the second hash value an incremental hash value representing the additional statement; (See page 21, Section 0257)

and digitally signing the aggregate hash value and causing the remote machine-readable media to store the digitally signed aggregate hash value in association with the data representing the graph (See page 21, Section 0257)

Referring to the rejection of claim 15, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein determining an attribute of all data representing the graph, including the additional statement; generating an aggregate value dependent upon both the aggregate hash and the attribute; and digitally signing the aggregate value to thereby generate a digital signature (See page 26, Section 0286)

Referring to the rejection of claims 16 and 21, Moore discloses an apparatus and system, comprising instructions stored on machine readable media, the instructions when executed causing a digital processor to:

compute a hash of each one of multiple statements representing a graph; (See page 32, Section 0335)

apply a commutative function to each of the multiple hashes to thereby yield an aggregate hash representing all of the multiple hashes; (See page 34, Section 0354)

and digitally sign the aggregate hash (See page 26, Section 0286)

Referring to the rejection of claims 17 and 22, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein the instructions further cause the digital processor to:

compute at least one identifier selected to represent all of the statements represented by the aggregate hash; (See page 32, Section 0335)

and digitally sign the aggregate hash and the at least one identifier. (See page 26, Section 0286)

Referring to the rejection of claim 18 and 23, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein the apparatus permits one to amend resource description framework (RDF) data stored in a web-accessible data store, and to digitally sign that data, said instructions further causing the digital processor to:

compute a hash of the new statement; (See page, Section 0131)

combine the hash of the new statement with a hash representing an existing RDF graph using the function, where the function is both commutative and associative, to thereby obtain the aggregate hash; (See page, Sections 0192-193)

determine an aggregate number of statements representing the RDF graph together with the new statement; (See page 11, Section 0194)

and digitally sign both the aggregate hash and the number (See page 26, Section 0286)

Referring to the rejection of claim 19 and 24, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein the apparatus permits one to authenticate RDF data, said instructions further causing the digital processor to:

retrieve a set of statements from a remote data store; (See page 26, Sections 0289-0291)

retrieve data representing a verification hash from the remote data store; (See page 26, Sections 0289-0291)

and authenticating the statements by individually computing a hash of each statement, combining together the hash for each statement to obtain an aggregate

hash, comparing the aggregate hash with the verification hash, and determining authenticity based on the comparison (See page 26, Section 0292)

Referring to the rejection of claim 20 and 25, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein the instructions further cause the digital processor to authenticate the RDF data by further:

retrieving from the remote data store a digitally-signed identifier, computing a locally-derived identifier based on the aggregate set of statements retrieved from the remote data store, and determining whether the digitally-signed identifier and the locally-derived identifier match; (See page 26, Sections 0289-0291)

and determining authenticity based on comparison of both the verification hash with the aggregate hash, and the digitally-signed identifier with and locally-derived identifier (See page 26, Section 0292)

Referring to the rejection of claim 29, Moore discloses a method of doing business by providing verification services for descriptive statements about electronic resources, said method comprising:

upon an aggregate hash value created by applying a commutative function to multiple independent hash values, each independent hash value based upon a subset of the descriptive statements, (See page 19, Section 0244)

and at least one attribute representing the set of all descriptive statements represented by the aggregate hash value; and providing the digital signature in response to remote request that calls for verification of descriptive statements in the hash. (See page 26, Section 0292)

Referring to the rejection of claim 30, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein the number of statements in each subset is one; and the at least one attribute includes the number represented by the aggregate hash value of descriptive statements (See page 6, Section 0146)

Referring to the rejection of claim 31, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein further comprising forced labeling of blank nodes, where each blank node is labeled and a descriptive statement identifying each label is included in the set of descriptive statements (See page 6, Section 0146)

Referring to the rejection of claim 32, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein further comprising:

hosting the descriptive statements represented by the hash; (See page 24, Section 0275)

hosting among the descriptive statements an identification statement that identifies at least one attribute selected from the set of creator identity, version number, copyright holder, version date, source identity, original creator identity, revision creator identity and owner identity; (See page 21, Section 0254)

and verifying the identification statement upon request. (See page 21, Section 0257)

Referring to the rejection of claim 33, Moore discloses A method of doing business by providing verification services for descriptive statements about electronic resources, said method comprising:

receiving a digital signature and a set of descriptive statements; (See page 26, Section 0286)

including creating an aggregate hash value by applying a commutative function to multiple independent hash values, each independent hash value based upon a subset of the descriptive statements, decrypting the digital signature and comparing information represented by the signature with the aggregate hash value, to detect whether there is a match condition; (See page 25, Section 0282)

and providing a verification response upon detection of the match condition, and providing a failure response if a match condition is not detected. (See page 26, Section 0289)

Referring to the rejection of claim 34, Moore discloses the claimed limitation wherein: calculating at least one attribute representing the set of all descriptive statements represented by the aggregate hash value; and decrypting the digital signature and comparing information includes comparing information represented by the signature with the at least one attribute, to detect whether there is a match condition (See page 26, Sections 0282-0286)

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Courtney D. Fields whose telephone number is 571-272-3871. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs. 6:00 - 4:00 pm; off every Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on 571-272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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